



# Medicaid in Schools

## Special Interests

### MEDUCAID NEWS

- Reimbursement for IEP Nursing & Transportation
- Expanded: Medicaid-qualified psych testing providers
- April Regional Seminars

**Check It Out Online!**  
The latest Medicaid ...  
**Tool Kit:** Aug. 3, 2010  
**Reimbursement Report:**  
SFY2011 as of 12-31-10  
**Billing Guide:** Oct. 2008  
**Learning Connection:**  
Ongoing event calendar,  
announcements, forum  
and helpful resources at  
the Medicaid in Schools  
Community.

**Coming Soon...**  
Information on Medicaid  
Administrative Claiming  
for Medicaid Outreach,  
Enrollment, Referral and  
Coordination activities  
performed by school staff

## Medicaid Learning Connection Community

Are you connected with Indiana education professionals who are involved or interested in claiming Medicaid reimbursement for school-based services and activities? The Medicaid in Schools Community on IDOE's Learning Connection provides a networking forum and access to current information, helpful tips, forms and resources related to school-based Medicaid claiming.

Created as part of a federal grant to develop statewide data sys-

tems, the Learning Connection offers educators a common point of access to data and information from IDOE as well as online tools for lesson planning, curriculum design and communication with colleagues across the State.

Anyone with a Learning Connection account is welcome to join the Medicaid in Schools Community. Educators may [register for an account](#) at [learningconnection.doe.in.gov](http://learningconnection.doe.in.gov). See what is waiting for you there!

## Medicaid Reimbursement for IEP Nursing & Transportation Services

The Indiana Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning has added Nursing and Special Ed Transportation to the list of IEP services for which schools may claim Medicaid reimbursement. Information from the Medicaid agency indicates it will soon have the necessary claims processing systems changes in place and issue a Medicaid provider bulletin announcing that reimbursement for these two services will be available for claims with dates of service on or after July 1, 2010.

Watch the [Indianamedicaid.com](http://Indianamedicaid.com) Web site for the Medicaid Provider Bulletin and the IDOE School-based Medicaid Web page for more information on claiming reimbursement for IEP-

required nursing services provided by an R.N. and Special Education transportation services. The next Medicaid Billing Tool Kit Update will include billing code and service log examples as well as new chapters on IEP Nursing and Transportation services.

Interested? The [Medicaid Billing Guidebook](#) and other documents on IDOE's school-based Medicaid web page provide additional information on billing Medicaid for health-related IEP services. Reimbursement rates vary by type of service. The [School-Based Services Reimbursement Report](#) shows historical data on Medicaid reimbursement amounts claimed by participating school corporations.

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### Did you know?

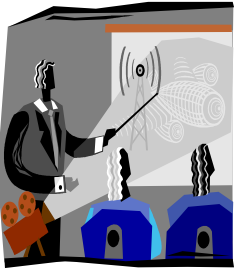
- **Federal funding**  
(Medicaid reimbursement) is available for **covered health services in an IEP** (not in 504 or Non-pub Service Plan) when the service is performed in accordance with Medicaid requirements.
- "School Medicaid Billing Resources," "In the News," "Presentations," and "Xtra Links for Clinicians" are some of the Files and Bookmarks available at the **Medicaid in Schools Learning Connection Community**.
- Indiana just received conditional **federal approval to claim 50-75% federal matching funds** for school staff time devoted to **Medicaid-related administrative activities**.

### In future issues:

**Parental Consent to Bill Medicaid**

**HIPAA and FERPA**

**Health-related service record in e-IEP**



**Free “how-to” sessions plus updated info on Medicaid claiming for IEP services and plans for Medicaid administrative claiming**

**This Medicaid rule “amends 405 IAC 5-20-8 for purposes of adding practitioners who may be reimbursed for neuropsych... and psychological testing”**



**Medicaid claims submission, eligibility verification and technical support for schools**

## Free IDOE Regional Medicaid Seminars in April 2011

Back by popular demand: IDOE will once again offer a free one-day seminar for school staff interested in Medicaid claiming. The full-day, no-frills seminar will be offered in April 2011 in three different cities.

Central Indiana:  
April 14—Indianapolis

Northern Indiana:  
April 15—Hammond

Southern Indiana:  
April 26—Evansville

Register on the IDOE [school-based Medicaid web page](#).

Similar to one held in 2007, the 2011 School-based Medicaid Seminar will feature “how to” sessions on topics ranging from Medicaid provider enrollment and self-auditing to requirements for service-specific (OT/PT, SLP, Nursing, Psych, Transportation) documentation and Medicaid-qualified provider credentials. This year’s seminar will also offer information on the State of Indiana’s plans to implement statewide claiming for school-based Medicaid administrative activities such as reaching out to students

and families who may qualify for medical assistance and helping families access needed services.

The target audience for this seminar includes Special Ed Directors, other district and building administrators, related services providers and coordinators, student services and outreach staff, school finance managers and safety specialists. Please note that lunch will be on your own, and handouts for this free no-frills seminar will be distributed electronically only.

## Psych Testing: Expanded List of Medicaid-Qualified Providers

This summer the Indiana Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (“OMPP”) published a change to its Outpatient Mental Health services coverage rule (405 IAC 5-20-8) “for purposes of adding practitioners who may be reimbursed for neuropsychological and psychological testing.” The rule change also addresses Medicaid’s requirements for supervision of mid-level practitioners who provide Medicaid-covered outpatient psych

services.

Under the revised rule, “Medicaid will reimburse for neuropsychological and psychological testing when the services are provided by one (1) of the following practitioners: (A) A physician. (B) An HSPP” or “one of the following practitioners...under the direct supervision of a physician or HSPP: (A) A licensed psychologist. (B) A licensed independent practice school

psychologist. (C) A person holding a master’s degree in a mental health field and one (1) of the following: (i) A certified specialist in psychometry (CSP). (ii) Two thousand (2,000) hours of experience, under direct supervision of a physician or HSPP, in administering the type of test being performed.” Watch for details in the next Tool Kit Update.

[Ed. Note: HSPP = Health Service Provider in Psychology]

## Things to Consider When Hiring a Medicaid Billing Agent

Among professional services contractors in the U.S., a variety offer technical support for Medicaid billing, including Medicaid eligibility verification and electronic claims submission. Some specialize in helping school districts claim Medicaid reimbursement for IEP services and school-based Medicaid administrative activities. Billing companies

typically make information on their products and services readily available online.

The [Medicaid Billing Guidebook](#), available on the IDOE school-based Medicaid web page, discusses the role of the billing agent (Chapter III) and includes a list of things for schools to consider when procuring a Medicaid billing agent (Appendix E). Informal

polling indicates widespread use of different billing agents among the Medicaid-participating school corporations in Indiana. For information on which districts bill Medicaid for IEP services, consult the semi-annual [School-Based Services Reimbursement Report](#) accessible on IDOE’s school-based Medicaid web page.

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The Indiana Department of Education provides technical assistance to Medicaid-participating school corporations and charter schools. The Department also offers insight and information to schools interested to learn more about Medicaid claiming possibilities. Please visit the Department's Web site for free, downloadable manuals, brochures, form templates, reports, newsletter archive and other helpful information. At left is a link to IDOE's School-based Medicaid Web page, along with contact information for IDOE staff who can answer your questions and provide additional information about federal Medicaid matching funds available for school-based services.



### Conference Connections — Medicaid & Special Education

**Indiana Special Ed Directors, Spring ICASE — Feb 16-18, 2011, Crowne Plaza, Indpls, IN**  
<http://www.icaso.org/>

**National Alliance for Medicaid in Education, Inc — Oct 11-14, 2011, Hotel Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM**  
<http://medicaidforeducation.org/>

### Across the Nation

At the 2010 conference of the National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME, Inc.) attendees had the opportunity to submit school-based Medicaid claiming questions to a panel of presenters from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS); however there was insufficient time to address all the conferees' questions during the joint conference presentation by CMS and the Office for Special Education Programs (OSEP). CMS presenters subsequently prepared written responses to questions that were not answered during the conference. The [CMS Q&A](#) on school-based Medicaid claiming is now available on the NAME web site, [www.MedicaidforEducation.org](http://www.MedicaidforEducation.org).

In his NAME Government Affairs Chair role, IDOE's Exceptional Learner Specialist John Hill recently met with fed-

eral policymakers from the U.S. DOE's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as well as representatives of national organizations such as AASA (American Association of School Administrators) to foster collaboration and understanding about how local schools benefit from Medicaid claiming and the adverse local impacts of unnecessary red tape. Those interested in school-based Medicaid claiming should watch for new federal guidance soon regarding parental consent to bill Medicaid for services in a student's IEP.

The [LEAnet](#) has redesigned its web site to be more user friendly for local education agencies interested in providing and funding school-based health services.